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## Water Law News for January 21, 2020

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**Environment & Energy**

## Highlights

### LEADING THE NEWS

#### California Sues Trump Administration Over Fracking Plans (3)

By Emily C. Dooley

California and its environmental agencies are suing the federal Bureau of Land Management to halt a plan that would open up more than 1 million acres of land to oil and gas drilling, including fracking.

#### EPA Waters Down Plan on Carcinogen Ethylene Oxide After FDA Push

By Amena H. Saiyid and Ayanna Alexander

The EPA watered down its request to find out more about how companies use ethylene oxide to sterilize medical equipment after the Food and Drug Administration claimed jurisdiction over the use of the cancer-causing chemical in medical sterilization plants.

## **AIR, WATER, AND WASTE**

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### **California Eyeing Lower Standard for Perchlorate in Drinking Water**

By Emily C. Dooley

California plans to halve the level at which water suppliers must test for perchlorate in drinking water.

## **CHEMICALS**

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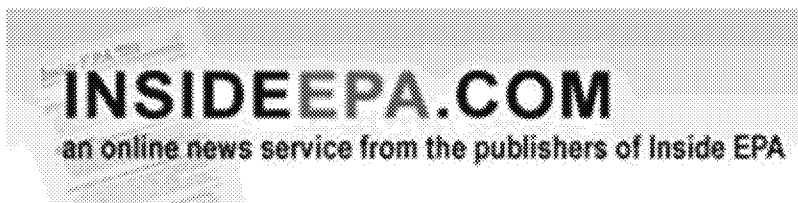
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Inside EPA's **Water Policy Report**, 01/20/2020

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Inside EPA's **Risk Policy Report**, 01/21/2020

## Clean Water Act Jurisdiction Watch

<http://insideepa.com/specials/clean-water-act-jurisdiction>

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### Latest News

#### Alliance Seeks To Back New Hampshire's Challenge To PFAS Rule Injunction

Environmentalists are seeking to intervene in state court litigation that threatens to stall New Hampshire's landmark drinking water and groundwater standards for four per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS), with the advocates attempting to bolster the state's case to permit the rules to remain in effect during interlocutory appeal.

[FULL STORY](#)

#### Sierra Club Urges High Court To Deny Review Of Cooling Water FOIA Ruling

The Sierra Club is urging the Supreme Court to deny a petition from the Fish and Wildlife Service and National Marine Fisheries Service to overturn an appellate ruling ordering the services to release draft documents on the development of EPA's 2014 cooling water intake rule, rejecting the agencies' claim that it conflicts with other rulings.

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### Outlook 2020

Read our [special report](#) on the major environmental policy issues heading into the 2020 election.

### Daily Feed

#### Democrats flag 'serious concerns' on EPA ethics policies

An inquiry by the House oversight committee details several concerns regarding EPA's ethics program, including one 'egregious case' focused on former air chief Bill Wehrum. [FULL STORY](#)

### Environment Next

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## Trump admin boosts obscure permitting agency

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Alex Herrgott, executive director of the Federal Permitting Improvement Steering Council, during remarks on infrastructure in Texas last year. Army Corps of Engineers/Facebook

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**Oversight Democrats accuse agency of ethical lapses**

Kelsey Brugger, E&E News reporter

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House Oversight and Reform Subcommittee on Environment Chairman Harley Rouda (D-Calif.) and full committee Chairwoman Carolyn Maloney (D-N.Y.). Francis Chung/E&E News

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**Groups ask EPA for emergency action on Ore. dairy pollution**

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CLEAN WATER ACT

## Trump hails WOTUS overhaul as critics call for investigation

Jeremy P. Jacobs, E&E News reporter Published: Monday, January 20, 2020

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#### Meet America's new superpolluters: Plastic plants

The Sunshine Project, a gargantuan petrochemical complex proposed in Louisiana, will be one of the nation's largest greenhouse gas emitters when it becomes fully operational in 2029. It's one of 88 plastics plants under construction or planned in the U.S. that together would produce emissions equivalent to 38 coal plants.

### TOP STORIES

#### 2. FINANCE:

#### Past racist practice fuels climate woes today — research

#### 3. ARCTIC:

#### Closing the ozone hole helped slow polar warming

#### 4. COURTS:

#### 'Kids' climate case' was dismissed. What's next?

### GLOBAL

5. INTERNATIONAL:

**Economists warn of climate dangers to global markets**

6. INVESTMENT:

**'Green swan' events threaten to shake central banks**

7. CLIMATE IMPACTS:

**Fires set stage for irreversible forest losses in Australia**

ADAPTATION

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8. BUSINESS:

**Ford and LG rank among firms most ready for climate change**

TRANSPORTATION

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9. AVIATION:

**Davos pushes greener fuel for private jets**

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1. SECURITY:

**4 cyberthreats and trends to watch in 2020**

Last year brought a string of data breaches at major corporations and a first-of-its-kind cyber disruption to the U.S. power grid. Less than a month into 2020, experts warn new hacking risks lie ahead for energy companies and federal agencies.

TOP STORIES

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2. Q&A:

**'Things will blow up' if you ignore climate risks — CEO**

3. RENEWABLE ENERGY:

**Land battles threaten wind, solar build-out — report**

4. NATURAL GAS:

**LNG plant explosion raises concerns about federal oversight**

TECHNOLOGY

5. OIL AND GAS:

**Satellite finds 'significant' spike in flaring, air pollution**

LAW

6. OIL AND GAS:

**Calif. challenges BLM fracking plan in court**

ELECTRICITY

7. WIND:

**Vestas takes biggest step yet toward zero turbine waste**

8. ELECTRIC VEHICLES:

**German solar car startup stays afloat with crowdfunding**

OIL AND GAS

9. ALASKA:

**Agency to hold public hearing on BP assets sale**

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**Cyprus blasts 'pirate state' Turkey's new drilling bid**

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